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CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

Wilson Ornithological Chapter of the Agassiz Association.

Adopted December 1, 1892.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CHAPTER OF THE AGASSIZ ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Chapter shall be the promotion of American Ornithology and Oology, by systematic investigations, and the publication of the results.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I.

The membership shall consist of Active, Associate, and Honorary members.

SECTION II.

CLAUSE 1. Application for Active membership should be made to the Secretary.

CLAUSE 2. Active members may be admitted semi-annually, in *April* and *October*, by a majority vote of the Active members, after recommendation by the Executive Council.

CLAUSE 3. Active members shall be limited in number by the Executive Council; provided, that the number shall not exceed one hundred, nor be limited to less than twenty-five, except by a majority vote of the Active members.

CLAUSE 4. Active members shall pay annually, in advance, one dollar ($1.00) to the Secretary of the Chapter, for which amount they shall receive the Official Organ and all publications of the Chapter.

CLAUSE 5. Non-payment of dues for one year shall cancel any member's name from the roll of the Active members: provided, that the Secretary has twice notified the member of the indebtedness, with an interval of two months.

CLAUSE 6. Active members only are entitled to vote, and to hold an elective office.

SECTION III.

CLAUSE 1. Any student of birds, their eggs and nests, residing in North America, may be admitted to Associate membership by the President of the Chapter.

CLAUSE 2. Associate members shall pay to the Secretary fifty cents, annually in advance, for which they shall receive one number of the Official Organ, and all bulletins published by the Chapter.

SECTION IV.

CLAUSE 1. Honorary members may be proposed by the Active members, and elected at the regular annual election: provided, that the number shall not exceed three annually.

CLAUSE 2. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

ARTICLE IV.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

SECTION I.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three members of an Executive Council.

SECTION II.—PRESIDENT.

CLAUSE 1. The President shall have general manage-

ment of the Chapter, direct the investigations, and prepare the results for publication in such form as may be directed by the Executive Council.

CLAUSE 2. He shall appoint all committees, with the exception of the Executive Council. He shall preside at all meetings. He shall appoint persons to fill all vacancies, occasioned by death or otherwise, until an election shall be held. He shall sign all documents which may require his signature. He shall appoint the publisher of the Official Organ, subject to the approval of the Executive Council. He shall cause to be published annually, in the Official Organ, a full written report of all his acts; and he shall perform such other duties as shall be required of him by this Constitution.

SECTION III.—VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President; and in case of the President's death, resignation, disqualification or neglect in discharging his duties, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties incumbent on the President, until the next regular election is held.

SECTION IV.—SECRETARY.

CLAUSE 1. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings, and prepare all the necessary reports of the chapter.

CLAUSE 2. He shall receive and turn over to the Treasurer, all dues and assessments from the members. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer by the Executive Council. He shall make out annually a full report of all funds received and paid during the year. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by this Constitution.

SECTION V.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall hold all funds received, subject to the order of the Executive Council. He shall pay out the same on all such orders bearing the Secretary's signature. He shall keep a correct account of all funds received and paid by him, and publish a full annual report in the Official Organ. At the end of his term of office he shall deliver to his successor all books, funds, and papers belonging to the Chapter.

SECTION VI.—EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

CLAUSE 1. The Executive Council shall consist of the President of the Chapter, who shall be Chairman *ex-officio;* the Secretary; and three other Active members elected annually.

CLAUSE 2. The Executive Council shall act upon all motions, petitions, plans, and propositions not conflicting with this Constitution; and on matters referred to it elsewhere in this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.—STATE DIVISIONS.

SECTION I.

Organizations of all the members of the Chapter in any state may be perfected when ten members are enrolled from that state.

SECTION II.

State Divisions may elect their own officers, and make their own by-laws; provided, that the by-laws do not conflict with this Constitution, and are approved by the Executive Council.

SECTION III.

The President of each State Division shall, under the direction of the President of the Chapter, have charge of the investigations in that state.

ARTICLE VI.—ELECTIONS.

SECTION I.

Balloting for officers shall begin November 25th, and shall close December 10th, annually.

SECTION II.

At least thirty days previous to the opening of the election, the President shall appoint as Judge, any Active member, not an officer, nor a regularly nominated candidate, residing in the United States.

SECTION III.

The Secretary shall forward to the Judge a correct list of all members who are entitled to vote.

SECTION IV.

CLAUSE 1. Within three days after the close of the election, the Judge shall forward a correct statement of the ballots cast with the original ballots, to the President.

CLAUSE 2 The President shall sign the correct statement and order it published. He shall also forward to the Secretary the ballots and the list of newly elected officers.

CLAUSE 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the officers of their election.

SECTION V.

CLAUSE 1. All officers shall be elected annually.

CLAUSE 2. Their term of office shall begin January 1st, and shall continue for one year, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VII.—EXPULSIONS.

SECTION I.

The Executive Council shall constitute a committee which shall have power to expel any member who is proved unworthy of membership.

SECTION II.

The decision of the Executive Council can be overruled only by a two-thirds majority of the Active members in good standing.

ARTICLE VIII.—PROPOSITIONS.

SECTION I.

When a member wishes to put a proposition before the Chapter, he shall state his proposition in writing, sign it, and after securing the signatures of two other Active members, transmit it to the President.

SECTION II.

The President shall number the propositions in the order received and publish them in the next issue of the Official Organ.

SECTION III.

CLAUSE 1. Within thirty days after their publication, Active members shall vote for or against them separately.

CLAUSE 2. All votes shall be sent to the Secretary.

SECTION IV.

All propositions not receiving a majority vote against them, shall be adopted as a code of by-laws of the Chapter, in accordance with which the Chapter shall be governed.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

Any alteration or amendment to this Constitution must be presented to the President or Secretary in writing, signed by at least two Active members, when it shall require a two-thirds majority of the members in good standing to adopt it.

REPORTS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FROM MARCH 1ST TO DECEMBER 5TH, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

On hand, - - - - -	$17 80
From Active members, assessments, -	18 00
From Associate members, assessments, -	4 00
From subscriptions to *Wilson Quarterly*, -	3 00
From advertisements and exchange notices, -	1 50
Total receipts, - - -	$44 30

EXPENDITURES.

To printing April *Quarterly*, - -	$42 50
Balance turned over to new Treasurer,	$ 1 80

I understand that there are bills not yet reported and receipts not yet credited in the hands of the new officers.

LYNDS JONES, *Acting Treas.*

REPORT OF JUDGE OF ELECTION, W. A. OLDFIELD.

ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1892.

Total number of votes cast 18.

For President, number of votes, 18. Lynds Jones, 16, Frank L. Burns, 2. Lynds Jones elected.

For Vice-President, number of votes, 17. John A. Bryant, 8. C. C. Maxfield, 9. C. C. Maxfield elected.

For Secretary, number of votes, 17. D. D. Stone, 6. W. N. Clute, 11. W. N. Clute elected.

For Treasurer, number of votes, 17. I. C. Greene, 4. R. M. Strong, 13. R. M. Strong elected.

For Executive Council, number of votes, 51. Ned

Hollister, 3. Edward Wall, 4. Walter B. Hull, 8. Wm. B. Caulk, 10. Allan W. Carpenter, 11. John H. Sage, 15. Wm. B. Caulk, Allan W. Carpenter, John H. Sage, elected.

I find the above statement correct.

LYNDS JONES, *President.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

In the following report no attempt will be made to go into details.

Early in the year the *Semi-Annual*, our official organ, passed into the Chapter's hands and became the *Quarterly*, published by Mr. R. M. Strong, and edited by the President and Mr. W. N. Clute.

The President still edited a page, monthly, in the *Taxidermist*. On this page two amendments to the Constitution were proposed: the one providing for Chapter control of the *Semi-Annual*, the other levying an annual assessment of 50 cents upon Associate members.

In the April *Quarterly* the President made a preliminary, and in the July issue a final report of the work for 1891.

Meanwhile, work on the Owls was under the direct supervision of the President, the notes from which are nearly ready for publication.

A copy of a proposed new Constitution reached the President in July. He pleads guilty of neglecting it until October, when MS copies were circulated among the Active members. It was the work of Frank L. Burns, and was finally adopted December 1st.

Instead of the October *Quarterly*, card "bulletins" were issued. In November three: two soliciting new members, one announcing candidates for offices the coming year. December 3, another announced the result of the election, and

called for an election of new members, a list of which appeared in the bulletin.

During the year 45 Active and 7 Associate members have been admitted, a new Constitution adopted, and new methods of work planned.

LYNDS JONES, *President*

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

I thank you for the honor of re-electing me a second time to the honorable position in which you have seen fit to place me.

We enter upon the new year under a new and definite Constitution, a largely increared membership, broadened facilities, and new methods of work. The interest shown in the proposed work assures me that work of a higher character will be done this year. We must and will push it until what we seek is won ! We are bound to discover new things this year.

We must increase the range of our investigations. There is great and urgent need for more observers. Then *you* can do far more than all the officers by inviting those whom you know to be "made of the stuff" that we want to join us as Active working members. Let every present member, new or old, bring in at least one new member this year, before the April election. Our Secretary, Mr. Willard N. Clute, of Binghampton, N. Y., will edit a page in the *Popular Science News*. It will contain Chapter news and some reports. President Ballard generously offers the paper for 50 cents a year to clubs of six or more, if subscriptions are sent to Mr. Clute or himself. It is a fine chance to get a good paper, full of such news as all want, cheap. You will find it a good investment.

One feature of the year's campaign is that Associate members are to be on an almost equal footing with the Active, except in voting. We want to draw out what material we know there must be in our Associate ranks. You are to have just as much to do in the investigations as any member, and you have the privilege of making petitions and offering plans of work.

We mail to every person who has ever been connected with the Chapter, a copy of our first JOURNAL. There are others to follow at intervals of three months, but hereafter copies will be mailed only to *paid up* members. Assessments should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. W. N. Clute, Binghampton, N. Y. $1.00 for Active and 50 cents for Associate members.

Members and subscribers who have not received *Quarterlies* to the amount of their subscriptions or assessments may order back numbers of the *Quarterly* or *Semi-Annual*, or current numbers of the JOURNAL in full payment.

LYNDS JONES, *President.*

SCHEME OF WORK.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OOLOGICAL COMMITTEE.

FRANK L. BURNS, BERWYN, PENN.

Two years ago the President of the Chapter appointed the writer Chairman of this committee. Doubtless the members who have kindly contributed notes, have dispaired of ever seeing the oft-promised report in print. Allow me to explain the delay.

During the season of 1890 I wrote to many Active and Associate members, soliciting notes on the breeding habits of the American Crow, and Cooper's and Sharp-shinned

Hawks. I received more or less complete reports from six states and ten observers. Though valuable, the notes seemed too few to form an interesting comparison; hence they were not prepared for publication.

I am requested to continue the work until a final and successful report is assured, by the active co-operation of the members.

Our membership now extends into 29 states and Canada. Nearly all are active, working ornithologists. Many have data and specimens from which notes can be taken at any time. Could not all devote a little time and a few pages to this end?

I propose to further reduce the species, and the members are earnestly urged to contribute notes on the breeding habits of the American Crow and sub-species. I desire notes from many different localities for an elaborate comparison on the breeding habits, nests and eggs, and any other interesting features.

I will gladly supply all who desire to aid in the work with schedules and plans. All notes, however small or incomplete, are solicited.

FRANK L. BURNS, Berwyn, Penn.

FROM THE SECRETARY.

At the beginning of my term of office as your Secretary, I am requested to say a few words to the members regarding the new plan of work for the year.

In addition to the regular work, the Chapter offers, in 1893, two prizes and five honors for the best reports by Active members on any subject pertaining to ornithology or oology. The prizes have not yet been selected.

The best report will receive first prize. Second best, second prize. The third best will take first honor, and the

writer will receive 25 copies of it; the fourth best second honor, and 20 copies; the fifth best third honor and 15 copies: etc. Every member is entitled to one copy of these reports when published.

Our Associate members have been remembered. Two paid-up active memberships for one year are offered for the two best reports from them. Every report that is of enough interest will be published whether it takes a prize or honor or not.

Our Chapter was established to encourage original research. We want *original* reports: nothing that can be found in books will answer. Reports must be sent to the President not later that September 1, 1893. Some one not a member of the Chapter will act as judge of the articles.

A word to the Associate members. A majority of you I know either by correspondence or from your printed articles. All are capable of making good Active members. But the number to which Active membership is limited is being rapidly approached. Therefore your chances of being elected to Active membership are fast growing less. You can afford to loose no time in making your application.

Yours, very truly,

WILLARD N. CLUTE.

GENERAL WORK ON THE WARBLERS (MNIOTILTIDÆ).

We shall study this interesting group this year.

I. Send to the President at once, a list of the Warblers found in your lacality, with notes on their relative abundance.

II. Carry a field note-book in which enter notes *in the field*. Note carefully the first ones of a species seen as to number, sex, in bright or worn plumage, singing or not, where seen, weather, temperature, direction and force of

wind. Make the same entries the next time it is seen, and so for every day. Particularly note number, sex, plumage.

III. Write up carefully each day a journal of your observations. Enlarge upon your pocket note-book entries, and as far as determined, note the *age* (whether young of the previous year or old birds); how *migrating* — slowly while feeding, or by long flights; — *night migration; fluctuations in numbers; last seen.*

IV. A few will remain to breed. Study their habits in your own way. Determine what becomes of the parents' eggs when they hatch a Cowbird.

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